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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MANUEL ALEGRE TO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LISBON 6349

1. MANUEL ALEGRE, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY AND SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, COMPLETED A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE ON AUGUST 25. DURING HIS VISIT, ALEGRE MET WITH A NUMBER OF SENIOR MOZAMBIKAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MACHEL AND MINISTER OF STATE OSCAR MONTEIRO, AND VISITED SEVERAL MOZAMBIKAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LUANDA, ALEGRE SAID THAT "THERE ARE NO POLITICAL OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN" PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE AND THAT ALL THAT IS REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS THE CREATION OF THE "NECESSARY
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INSTRUMENTS." ALEGRE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN LISBON AND MAPUTO WOULD IMPROVE AS A RESULT OF HIS TRIP AND CHARACTERIZED THE RECENT DECISION BY THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO LISBON AS A ACT OF GOOD WILL. ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY AND FRELIMO, ALEGRE COMMENTED THAT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IN LISBON AND MAPUTO WERE THE RESULT OF GOOD

RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY AND FRELIMO.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALEGRE MET WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL AND WAS SHOWN AROUND SEVERAL LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PUBLICITY AND GOVERNMENT ATTENTION DEVOTED TO ALEGRE VISIT DID NOT EQUAL THAT ACCORDED TO PCP SECRETARY GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL DURING HIS TWO VISITS TO MOZAMBIQUE. HOWEVER, ALEGRE VISIT DOES REFLECT PROGRESSIVE WARMING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MAPUTO AND LISBON AND BETWEEN PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS AND FRELIMO. PRESS MADE A BIG POINT OF THE FACT THAT ALEGRE IS FIRST VISITOR FROM LISBON TO REPRESENT BOTH SOARES GOVERNMENT AND RULING SOCIALIST PARTY.
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